

10 June 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for Collection Tasking
Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management
Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
Deputy Director for Science & Technology

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Conversation with Dr. Robert Hermann on
Defense Reconnaissance Support Program (DRSP)

1. I had a good meeting with Bob Hermann on 6 June on the DRSP. I think we aired all of the issues clearly and forthrightly. []

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2. I told him I didn't see that it was my business to try to interfere in how Harold Brown organized his budget process. At the same time I told him I did not think the creation of the DRSP was in the best interests of the country. []

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3. First, I said that the programs he had indicated as candidates for DRSP seemed pretty marginal to me. I have enclosed a list of the ones he cited. []

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4. Second, I suggested that the construction of architecture for dissemination of satellite-derived intelligence did not appear to me to be a significant reason to need a new bureaucratic structure. []

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5. Thirdly, I told him frankly that I felt this would lead to the military's seeking to put as many satellite programs into the DRSP as possible in the hope of having full control over them, and that this could well not be in the best interests of the country. []

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7. He indicated that Murphy and Dinneen are pushing this project, not him. Brown's memo directs them to come in with a proposed plan for DRSP. He in turn has been directed to come in by 9 July with his submission to them. The 9 July date is premised on getting in before Brown's NFIP submission to me in mid-July. I assume that this means they want Hermann to stake out what programs they are going to try to take out of the NFIP and put into the DRSP, and that this will be reflected in Brown's submission on the NFIP. [REDACTED]

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8. I expressed dismay to Bob that, from his own account, this subject had been under discussion in the Pentagon since last December but that I had heard about it only a few days ago. I asked him if we could be assured that we wouldn't be caught with total surprise on 9 July. He said he agreed we could have someone on his working group who would be developing his 9 July submission. I told him Zeke would nominate someone. [REDACTED]

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